

CASE RIVALS THAT OF THE JAMES BOYS

More sensational than any tale enclosed in yellow paper covers is the one that is unfolding in Bedford, Ia., stretching its tendrils out until they almost but not quite embrace the famous bandits, Jesse James and his brother, and revealing murders by moonlight and dead men carried across the prairie, with all the lure of buried gold that has been whispered about for nearly half a century, and never discovered the while the bandits alleged to have murdered and looted grew old in a community where they were respected until one of the claimants took up the matter, with all of its mysterious whisperings, and the government investigation.

Bates Huntman, Sam Scrivner and the Damewood brothers, charged with the murder of a cattleman and his son and robbery of \$90,000 back in 1868, arrived in Bedford yesterday with their clans. Two of the men are paralytics. Scrivner, who is 74, is near collapse.

The principal witness is an old and workworn woman who as a child and young woman had personal acquaintance with the James boys and was courted by Frank James in his spare moments when he wasn't terrorizing the country. For close to half a century this woman has held within her breast the story of crime on which the state's case rests.

Mrs. Maria Collins Porter of Quitman, Mo., is the woman, and despite a severe cross-examination last night she held to her story.

"Frank James wasn't in this," she declared. "I don't want him involved. He was a friend of mine and came a courtin'. One day with another girl I found a cave near a creek close to our home. In a pot was some white metal and all over the floor was new dimes and half dollars. It was about two months after that one night—sister Lizzie was sick—when I saw four men tugging at a

blanket and a man's legs were dragging behind it. One of the men made me swear I'd never tell.

"If you tell," he said, "we'll wash our hands in your heart's blood."

Further stories of murders by the gang of counterfeiters alleged to have murdered the cattleman and his son are being brought to the attorney general at Des Moines. Mrs. M. J. Pease claimed that her father, William Hederick of Westbro, Mo., and three other men named Collins, Cole and Harmon were murdered by members of the gang, who got away with \$10,000 the men had on them.

Muttered threats are heard by members of the clan against Sam Anderson, claimant to a part of the \$90,000 and the man responsible for the trial which began today.

That Jesse James, bandit, was in Dallas, Tex., in 1868 and could have had nothing to do with the Taylor county, Ia., raids was the statement of S. W. Bowen of Dallas, who knew James.

DENUNCIATORY RESOLUTIONS PASSED IN LAWSON CASE

Wilkesbarre, Pa., July 14. — Declaring that John R. Lawson, convicted of killing Mine Guard John Nimmo during Colorado mine strike, was victim of a conspiracy, denunciatory resolutions were adopted by Parson local, United Mine Workers of America. John P. White, national president of the union, personally dictated the testimonial and presented it to the miners, by whom it was unanimously adopted. The resolution will be acted upon by the 150,000 anthracite mine workers.

PUBLIC VIEWS QUIGLEY BODY

The body of Archbishop Quigley lies in state at the cathedral today from noon till midnight. The public may view it. At 8 tonight the priests of the diocese will gather around the bier to chant the office of the dead. Funeral services will be held at the cathedral at 10 a. m. tomorrow.